

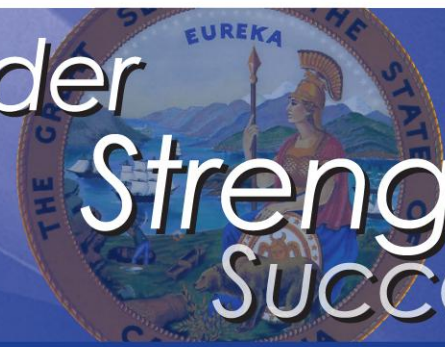


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CALIFORNIA EVIDENCE-BASED CLEARINGHOUSE

Background

In January 2004, as part of the state's child welfare improvement strategies, the California Department of Social Services' Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) partnered with the Chadwick Center for Children and Families in cooperation with the Child and Adolescent Services Research Center to award a three year grant to create an evidence-based clearinghouse for child welfare practices in California.

Description

The California Evidence Based Clearinghouse (CEBC) for child welfare is a formal online resource for child welfare professionals, researchers, policymakers, staff of public and private organizations and academic institutions and others who are committed to improving outcomes for children and families. It provides simple, straightforward access to reviews and ratings of evidence-based practices relative to child welfare. CEBC reduces the user's need to conduct extensive literature searches, review extensive literature or comprehend and evaluate research methodology. The CEBC officially launched in June 2006.

CEBC is a key tool for identifying, selecting, and implementing evidence-based child welfare practices that will improve child safety, increase permanency, increase family and community stability, and promote child and family well-being. The statewide clearinghouse is guided by two main bodies:

- A statewide Advisory Committee comprised of state and local child welfare leaders, supporting organizations, and nationally respected authorities on child welfare.
- A national Scientific Panel comprised of five core members who are nationally recognized as leaders.

CEBC workshop presentations have been held for public child welfare administrators and supervisors concerning the past, present and future direction of evidence based practices in child welfare. CEBC has been acknowledged both nationally and internationally as a vital resource for those who serve children and families in child welfare research and practice.

Web site Visits

- As of March 2009, more than 88,245 site visits.
- Eighty-four percent of the visitors are from the United States, with 36 percent from California cities. International visitors from 169 different countries account for 16 percent of the total visitors.
- The Web site lists 20 topical areas of child welfare (totaling 140 programs) and more areas are in the process of being added.

For more information, please visit the CEBC Web site at www.cachildwelfareclearinghouse.org/.